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In the claims:

All of the claims standing for examination are reproduced below.

1. (Currently amended) An automated pricing system for calculating pricing for items and item orders for clients accessing the system comprising:
a server node connected to a data network for serving pricing information;
a pricing application running on the server node for calculating the pricing information served; and
a data repository accessible to the server node for storing at least one a plurality of pricing data model models which includes wherein each model is an object-oriented data structure and completely defines the client, a channel, and a product category, to generate the requested pricing results including rules for manipulating the model;
characterized in that the server node receives requests for pricing, identifies the client making the request and accesses at least one pricing data model matching the identity having rules created for pricing factors used in at least one pricing sequence to price an item or items of the request and uses the pricing application to calculate the correct pricing results including sub totals and total amounts for the request based on sorting and conflict resolution of the rules accessed for each factor, according to the selected model.
2. (Original) The pricing system of claim 1 wherein the data network is the Internet network.
3. (Original) The pricing system of claim 1 wherein the data network is a local area network connected to the Internet network.
4. (Original) The pricing system of claim 1 wherein pricing requests are received from a business-to-business server connected to the data network the requests generated in an

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automated fashion and routed to and queued in the pricing server for processing.

5. (Original) The pricing system of claim 1 wherein the pricing requests are received from clients accessing an enterprise hosted Web server connected to the data network, the requests routed to and queued in the pricing server for processing.

6. (Original) The pricing system of claim 1 wherein the requests are received from a client operating from a wireless network-capable device through a wireless interface having connection to the data network, the requests routed to and queued in the pricing server for processing.

7. (Original) The pricing system of claim 1 wherein the pricing requests are received from a third-party price configuration application running on a node connected to the data network.

8. (Original) The pricing system of claim 1 wherein the served pricing information is item pricing generated in the form of a pricing list.

9. (Original) The pricing system of claim 1 wherein the pricing information includes indication of profit margin for each item and for the order.

10. (Original) The pricing system of claim 1 wherein there are multiple pricing models applicable to different pricing methods.

11. (Original) The pricing system of claim 10 wherein the methods include product-based pricing, product scope pricing, contract pricing, tiered pricing, and bundled pricing.

12. (Original) The pricing system of claim 1 wherein there is one pricing model extensible to reflect multiple pricing methods.

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13. (Original) The pricing system of claim 1 wherein the methods include product-based pricing, product scope pricing, contract pricing, tiered pricing, and bundled pricing.

14. (Original) The pricing system of claim 1 wherein the repository is part of a legacy system.

15. (Original) The pricing system of claim 1 wherein pricing rules are accessed and, sorted and resolved for conflict in sequence for each listed factor having rules in the order that each factor exists in the at least one pricing sequence starting with the first factor in the first sequence.

16. (Currently amended) An automated pricing system for calculating pricing for items and item orders comprising:

a pricing server component for calculating pricing based on pricing factors used in at least one pricing sequence;

a software application suite for calculating prices for pricing requests received by the system further comprising:

a pricing management application for creating a plurality of pricing models at least one pricing model and for updating and editing the at least one model models;

a model validation component for testing the integrity of the at least one pricing model models;

a pricing list generator for generating line item pricing lists; and

at least one application program interface (API) for enabling third-party applications of varying platforms to communicate with the pricing server component;

characterized in that pricing requests received are handled by the software application in automated fashion by identifying a client requesting pricing, accessing at least one pricing data model associated with the identified client for one or a combination of product-based pricing, product scope pricing, contract pricing, tiered pricing, and